

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of ) Group Art Unit: To be assigned  
Menchen et al. ) Examiner: To be assigned  
Serial No.: To be assigned ) Confirmation Number: To be assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.115 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.52(b) for a divisional application of pending application Serial Number 09/724,855, filed on November 28, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 4365I2).

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no new matter has been added by the amendment.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early notice of such action is respectfully requested.

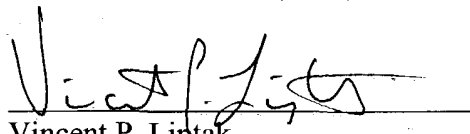
**FEE AUTHORIZATION**

If any additional time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested. If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, please take such fees from Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (Order No. 4365D4).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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